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COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

Offense

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.:
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov. 22, 1963 19

Mr. Decker;

I was assisting in the search of the 6th floor of the Dallas County Book Depository at Elm St and Houston St. proceeding from the ~~Northwest~~ East side of the building. Officer Whitman DPD and I were together as we approached the Northwest corner of the building ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I was the rifle partially hidden behind a row of books with two (2) other boxes of books against the rifle. The rifle appeared to be a 7.65mm Mauser with a telescope sight on the rifle. Capt. Fritz was called to the scene and also someone from the ID ~~XXXXX~~ pictures were taken and then Capt Fritz picked up the rifle. I first saw the rifle at 1:22pm date.

E. L. Boone 240 DSO

I recommend this case be declared

Unfounded ☐
Inactive (not cleared) ☐
Cleared by Arrest ☐

Case declared

Inactive (not cleared) ☐
Unfounded ☐

Signed

Investigating Officer

Signed

Commanding Officer

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Presidential Assassination

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Date November 22 1963

Mr. Decker;

Att approx. 1pm date I was in front of the Sheriffs Office at 505 Main St Dallas Texas when I heard three shots coming from the vicinity of where the Presidents car was, I raced across the street (Main & Houston). The Presidential car and other cars were turning onto Stemmons Fwy. Some of the bystanders said the shots came from the overpass. I ran across the street (Elm) and up the imbankment over the retaining wall and into the freight yard and was unable to locate anything. I ^{did not even} located one (1) witness H. W. Betzner w/m 5922 Velasco Dr. phone TA-1-9761. He had taken some photos just prior to the shots (35mm film) Betzner was taken by me to the Sheriffs office for a statement. I took the camera and film to ID and had the film developed. Betzner had three (3) pictures just seconds prior to the rifle shots. The camera and negatives were returned to Betzner. The three (3) pictures were retained by me. Officer Homer Reynolds DPD obtained a statement from Betzner. The glossy prints of the pictures were turned over to Officer Reynolds to be placed with Betznerns statement.

After I had left the film in ID, I got a battery powered light and went over to the Texas School Book Depository to help with the search of building. I proceeded to the sixth (6th) floor of the building to search for the rifle. I started on the east end of the building and worked my way to the west end of the building. In the northwest corner of the building approx. three (3) feet from the east wall of the stairwell ^{and} behind a row of cases of books I was the rifle, that appeared to be a 7.65mm Mauser

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with a telescopic site. The rifle had want appeared to be a brownish,
black stock and blue steel, metal parts. Capt. Fritz DPD was called to this
location and along with an ID man DPD took charge of the rifle. Officer
Whitman of Robie Loves office was with me when I found the rifle it
was 1:22pm by my watch. I then returned to the station.

E. L. Boone
E. L. Boone #240 DSO

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Investigating Officer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/23/63

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Mr. SEYMOUR WEITZMAN, Deputy Constable, Dallas County Constable's Office, was interviewed in the presence of Detective C. W. BROWN, Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department. He furnished the following information:

At about 12:15 p.m., November 22, 1963, he was assigned to observe the route of President JOHN F. KENNEDY's motorcade through downtown Dallas, Texas. His station was located on the corner of Main and Houston Streets, next to the courthouse, in Dallas. He observed the car in which President KENNEDY was riding to travel north on Houston Street and turn west on Elm Street. Shortly after the President's car turned the corner along Elm Street, he was looking in another direction and heard three sounds in rapid succession, which he believed to have been gunshots. He believed these sounds to have come from a north-westerly direction from where he was standing. He heard someone say that the "shots" had come from behind a wooden fence which is located west and a little north of the intersection of Houston and Elm Streets. He immediately started running in that direction and climbed over the fence. Another officer followed him over the fence. When they arrived at a point on the other side of the fence which is near the railroad track, some railway employees told him they had heard the sounds and believed they came from the old Texas Building, which building is now called the Texas Schoolbook Depository building, which is located just north of the northwest corner of Houston and Elm Streets. He then entered this building and started a search of the various floors in the building. A few minutes later, Captain J. WILL FRITZ, Dallas Police Department, arrived and ordered a thorough search of the sixth floor of this building.

He, WEITZMAN, along with Dallas County Deputy Sheriff S. BOONE, began a minute search of the sixth floor of the building. He was concentrating his search in the southwest corner of the sixth floor, while BOONE was searching the northwest corner of the sixth floor. BOONE called his attention to a rifle which he had found between some boxes located near the northwest corner of the sixth floor.

He made the notation of the time, 1:22 p.m., when this gun was found, and called to his attention by Deputy BOONE. He

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recorded that time on the back of his copy of a warrant or summons which he was carrying in his pocket.

Mr. WEITZMAN described the rifle which was found as a 7.65 caliber Mauser bolt-action rifle, which loads from a five shot clip which is locked on the underside of the receiver forward of the trigger guard. The metal parts of this rifle were of a gun metal color, gray or blue, and the rear portion of the bolt was visibly worn. The wooden portions of this rifle were a dark brown in color and of rough wood, apparently having been used or damaged to considerable extent. This rifle was equipped with a four-power 18 scope of apparent Japanese manufacture. It was also equipped with a thick brown-black leather bandolier type sling.

After he had observed this rifle to the extent described above, Captain FRITZ appeared and took the rifle from him. He did not make note of any serial number on the rifle. He observed Captain FRITZ eject one rifle round of ammunition from this rifle. At this point, he discontinued his search of the sixth floor of the building and thereafter became engaged in regular patrol work in connection with investigation being conducted by law enforcement officers from all law enforcement agencies in Dallas County.

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Date November 25, 1963

SEYMOUR WEITZMAN, Deputy Constable, Dallas County, Texas, advised that on November 22, 1963, he was observing the motorcade of President KENNEDY at Main and Houston Streets in Dallas, Texas. He advised that as the motorcade went out of his line of vision, turning at the corner of Elm and Houston and proceeding under the underpass, he heard three shots ring out and immediately ran to the point where Elm Street turns to go under the underpass and up the grassy slope located on the opposite side of Elm Street to a fence.

He advised at this point he was of the opinion that some prankster had thrown a firecracker, and it was his goal to locate this person. He advised that as he came to the fence located at the top of the grassy slope, some bystander mentioned that the firecracker or shot had come from the other side of the fence, and he requested a bystander to bend over and he used the bystander's back as a step and vaulted over the fence.

He advised there were several other officers present, who also jumped over the fence, and they immediately searched the area behind the fence. He stated they located no one and after talking to a yardman, the yardman told him that the noise had come from the end of the fence closest to the Texas School Book Depository, and a search was immediately made of that area.

While still on the other side of the fence, someone, believed to be an officer of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, mentioned having seen or having heard about something red rolling on Elm Street, and they went and found what appeared to be a portion of a bone or bone structure which bore fresh blood stains. This was taken to the Dallas Police Laboratory.

He advised that about this time, he and the other officers went back to Elm Street, and someone stated that the President had been shot, and the shot had come from the Texas School Book Depository building. This was approximately 15 minutes after he heard the first three shots. He stated he assisted members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and the Dallas Police Department in searching the building, and he and EUGENE BOONE, Dallas County Deputy, were the ones who found the rifle stuck between some boxes or crates on the sixth floor of the building. He advised they did not touch the rifle, but

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immediately showed it to Captain FRITZ of the Dallas Police Department, and from what he could observe, the rifle looked like a 7.65 German-made Mauser rifle.

WEITZMAN stated that during the time he was running from the intersection of Main and Houston, he observed a blonde woman, 20 to 25 years old, drop a lunch sack at a point about half a block west of the Texas School Book Depository building, but thought nothing of it at the time. He advised, however, that it was later determined this lunch sack was very similar to the lunch sack found at the sixth floor window where the assassin apparently stationed himself and fired the fatal shot.

He said this information had been brought to the attention of the Dallas Police Department.

WEITZMAN stated he did not observe LEE HARVEY OSWALD or any other person possibly responsible for the shooting during the above described period of time.

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AIR MAIL

Deputy Sheriff S. Boone
Sheriff's Department
County of Dallas, Texas

Dear Sheriff Boone:

As you know, this Commission was established by President Johnson on November 29, 1963, to investigate and report upon the facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of our late President, John F. Kennedy, and the subsequent killing of the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. Enclosed for your information are copies of Executive Order No. 11130 creating this Commission, Senate Resolution 137 and the Rules of Procedure of this Commission for the taking of testimony.

The Commission would like you to appear before it as a witness on Wednesday, March 25, 1964, at Room 400, VFW Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D. C. At that time, the Commission would like to take your testimony regarding all of your knowledge pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald and the assassination of the President and the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit. In particular, the Commission will question you about your activities and observations on the afternoon of November 22, 1963. The Commission requests that you bring with you all materials, papers and documents in your possession or under your control which for any reason relate to the assassination of the President or to Lee Harvey Oswald or to the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit. Of course, we would not expect at any time to deprive you of the custody of the original documents without your consent, but as to some of these documents we may want to make copies.

At this time, we are not precisely certain of the exact hour on March 25 at which time your testimony will begin, so we would

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appreciate your being at the offices of the Commission at 9:00 a.m. on that date.

The Commission is authorized to pay your transportation and living expenses incurred as a result of this appearance before the Commission. If you desire assistance in making these arrangements, please feel free to contact Mr. Forrest V. Sorrels, Chief of the Dallas Office of the Secret Service, who is located at Room 800, Reliance Life Building, at 505 Ervay Street, Dallas. His telephone number is Niverside 9-3461, extension 3461.

Please advise Mr. Sorrels as soon as convenient whether or not you will be able to appear before the Commission on the designated day. Thank you for your cooperation in the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosure

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PRESS RELEASE

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The Commission met at 9:00 a.m. today and heard the testimony of Officer M. L. Baker, Mrs. R. A. Reid, Deputy Sheriff Eugene Boone, Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney and Officer M. N. McDonald.

Officer M. L. Baker is a motorcycle policeman of the Dallas Police Department who was travelling with the Presidential Motorcade at the time of the assassination. Mrs. R. A. Reid is the clerical supervisor of the Texas School Book Depository Building. Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney was the person who discovered three empty cartridge cases in the southeast corner of the Sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building. Deputy Sheriff Eugene Boone discovered a rifle in the northwest portion of the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building. Officer N. M. McDonald apprehended Lee Harvey Oswald in the Texas Theater.

March 25, 1964

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MEMORANDUM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

FROM: J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel

RE: Schedule of Testimony before the Commission

Additional changes have been made in the schedule of testimony from that set forth in the memorandum dated March 6. The following witnesses are now scheduled to appear during the next two weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Tues., March 24 9 a.m.	Howard L. Brennan James Earl Jarman, Jr. Bonnie Ray Williams Harold Norman Roy S. Truly	Mr. Brennan is an important eyewitness who observed a man in the window of the 6th floor with a rifle prior to the assassination and saw the man fire one shot. The next three witnesses are three employees of the Depository who were on the fifth floor at the time of the shooting. Mr. Truly, superintendent of the building, can testify regarding his encounter with Oswald immediately after the assassination.
Wed., March 25 9 a.m.	Patrolman Baker Mrs. R. A. Reid Deputy Sheriff Boone Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney Patrolman M.N. McDonald	Patrolman Baker and Mrs. Reid can testify regarding their encounters with Oswald immediately after the firing of the shots. Deputy Sheriffs Boone and Mooney are two of the police officers who took part in the investigative effort immediately after the assassination and are the officers who discovered the cartridge shells and the rifle on the 6th floor of the Depository.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Wed., March 25 (Continued)		Patrolman McDonald is the officer who apprehended Oswald in the theater after the killing of Tippit.
Thurs., March 26 9 a.m.	W. W. Scoggins Helen Markham Jeanette Davis Ted Callaway	Scoggins and Markham were two eyewitnesses who saw the killing of Tippit. Davis and Callaway will testify that a man they have identified as Oswald left the scene of the murder with a pistol in his hands.
Mon., March 30 9 a.m.	Dr. Charles J. Carrico Dr. Malcolm R. Perry	Doctors Carrico and Perry are two of the Parkland Hospital doctors who examined and treated President Kennedy. Additional medical testimony may be presented on this day depending upon the outcome of depositions to be taken by the staff in Dallas next week.
Tues., March 31 and following days to the extent neces- sary.	Experts from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, other law enforcement agencies and/or independent scientific laboratories.	It is anticipated that some expert testimony can be presented to the Commission beginning on this date with respect to questions of ballistics, handwriting analysis, fingerprint identification and clothing analysis.

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

I am glad to respond to your two letters dated March 20, 1964, requesting that certain witnesses be called to testify before the Commission and raising questions regarding the depositions to be taken from doctors in Dallas and Washington.

It is certainly my plan to recommend that the Commission call Secret Service Agents Lawson and Carrole to testify before the Commission. It is my current thought that this be done at a time when the testimony can also be secured from Mr. Bush, Head of the Protective Research Section of the Secret Service. As you know, we are currently in the process of securing some basic information from Secret Service regarding its operations, and I suggest that these three witnesses be called after this information has been obtained and studied by the staff. I anticipate that we will be able to take the testimony of these witnesses during the week of April 6, 1964.

With regard to possible witnesses who were on the triple overpass at the time of the shooting, we have taken steps already to investigate this matter fully and identify those persons who would be the best witnesses to bring before the Commission. Last week the Federal Bureau of Investigation was requested to initiate a general investigation into this matter, which is designed to supplement the fragmentary reports we have already received from the witnesses around the overpass at the crucial time. Deputy Sheriff Boone and Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney, currently scheduled to testify tomorrow, both informed members of our staff in Dallas last week, that they have some information to supply regarding this

cc: Mr. Rankin
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matter. When the investigation is complete, I certainly will bring before the Commission witnesses with relevant testimony to provide regarding any activity on the overpass at the time of the assassination.

I have brought the questions regarding the medical testimony to the attention of Mr. Specter, currently in Dallas taking the depositions of doctors at Parkland Hospital. We have just received materials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in response to an earlier Commission request, setting forth the result of the autopsy conducted on the body of Lee Harvey Oswald. I am bringing this to the attention of Mr. Jenner and Mr. Liebeler, currently in Dallas, so that they may consider whether to explore this matter by taking the depositions of the doctors involved.

I shall follow-up on all these matters to insure that your questions are resolved to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel